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TO: All Fourth District Cities and Towns **FROM:** Executive Councilor Christopher C. Pappas

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The Governor and Executive Council met on Wednesday, March 25, 2015, in the Executive Council Chamber at the State House, Concord, NH and considered an agenda of approximately 56 items.

The next scheduled Governor and Executive Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Executive Council Chamber at the State House Concord, NH.

The Executive Council convened today at 10 am at the State House. Here's an overview of the Council meeting, focusing on issues with both statewide and District 4 significance:

Nominations

The Governor nominated William Cass as Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Transportation; and Joseph Wichert of Manchester to the Board of Land Surveyors.

Confirmations

The Council confirmed Gerard Murphy as State Controller; Mark Lambert of Bedford to the Air Resources Council; and Kevin Sheppard of Manchester to the Oil Fund Disbursement Board.

Resignations

The Council accepted the resignations of David Dunn of Manchester from the Real Estate Commission and John Merrick of Manchester from the Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Procurement Cards

The Council approved a plan to introduce procurement cards to state agencies and develop standards to monitor small purchases. The credit cards, used for purchases of \$500 or less, will take the place of cumbersome paper-based field purchase orders. The cards will help realize efficiencies, provide increased oversight, and generate rebates for the state treasury.

Veterans Outreach

The Council approved an agreement with Easter Seals to provide outreach, education, and training services for veterans and their families, funded with \$1.3 million of federal money.

Right of Way Parcel Transfers

The Council approved the transfer of a parcel of .6 acres of land along Route 3 in Hooksett to Merchants Motors, a piece left over from the recent road project. In addition, the Council approved the sale of 3.5 acres in Bedford along Route 3 to an individual for \$250,000.

I-93 Exit 11 Work

The Council approved a \$539,000 contract with Audley Construction to repair a failing bridge on Exit 11 off I-93 near the Hooksett toll facility.

Antrim Dam Agreement

The Council tabled a 50 year agreement with Steels Pond Hydro to operate a dam in Antrim. The agreement, which will generate \$900,000 in revenue for the state, will be brought up for discussion at a future meeting.

Janitorial Supplies Contract

The Department of Administrative Services removed from the agenda a nearly \$5 million, 3-year contract for janitorial supplies with WB Mason. The contract will likely come back at a future date after any issues are worked out.

Today's complete agenda is available <u>here</u>, along with the minutes and audio recording. The next G&C meeting will be held Wednesday, April 8, at 10 am. Stay tuned for future updates, and please don't hesitate to contact me with your thoughts or concerns.

Allenstown, Auburn, Barrington, Bedford, Bow, Candia, Chichester, Deerfield, Epsom, Goffstown, Hooksett, Lee, Londonderry, Loudon, Northwood, Nottingham, Pembroke, Pittsfield and the City of Manchester